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The discontinuance of interzonal trade has completely cut off a large number of indispensable raw materials for [] production of photographic film. [] interzonal office has repeatedly conferred with all government agencies and with DIA, but none of these discussions has resulted in the necessary agreements.

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It has now come to the point [] that the shortage of raw materials, especially dye stuffs urgently needed in [] production of roll and sheet film (Planfilm), makes it impossible [] to carry out even [] January production program, and, as of February, [] production of phototechnical film will also have to be cut down. 50

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plant directors, O.I. Bienen and Dr. Schnitzler, will go to the appropriate industry ministries in East Berlin tomorrow, in order to acquaint these offices with the situation [redacted] namely, [redacted] not [redacted] able to fill [redacted] export orders for roll, sheet, and phototechnical film.

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Kodak-Kodak's production of X-ray film has fallen off, this measure would tend to balance this shortage.

The situation is extremely serious.

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